

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (amended): A method of treating and preventing parasite infestations in and on a young animal, which comprises the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of selamectin, ~~or a derivative thereof,~~ to the female parent of ~~that~~ the young animal over a period commencing before, and ending after, parturition.

Claim 6 (amended): The method of claim 5 wherein the young animal is a cat or dog.

Claim 7 (amended): The method of claim 5 or claim 6 wherein the ~~parasites controlled are~~ parasite is a roundworm, hookworm, ~~mites, lice or fleas~~ mite, lice or flea.

Claim 8 (amended): The method of any one of claims 5 to 7 wherein said step of administering comprises topically administering to said female parent 6 mg/kg of selamectin ~~is dosed topically to the female parent~~ at time points 6 weeks and 2 weeks *pre-partum* and 2 weeks and 6 weeks *post-partum*.